



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH NOWRA

Your Shoalhaven Catholic Community serving
Berry, Bomaderry, Culburra Beach, Kangaroo Valley, Nowra & Vincentia

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 July 2025

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 67

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading: Genesis 18

The Lord said, *'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'*

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, *'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?'* The Lord replied, *'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'* Abraham replied, *'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?'* *'No'*, he replied *'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.'* Again Abraham said to him, *'Perhaps there will only be forty there.'* *'I will not do it'* he replied *'for the sake of the forty.'* Abraham said, *'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.'* *'I will not do it'* he replied *'if I find thirty there.'* He said, *'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.'* *'I will not destroy it'* he replied *'for the sake of the twenty.'* He said, *'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.'* *'I will not destroy it'* he replied *'for the sake of the ten.'*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 137

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

- 1) I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.
- 2) I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

3) The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes.

4) You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading: Colossians 2

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation: Romans 8

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for

bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: *We share the joy of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly with its theme, blessed are those who have not lost hope, taken from the Book of Wisdom.*

1) That Pope Leo's message in this Jubilee Year of Hope will encourage grandparents and the elderly to find joy in hope, and by their wisdom enrich the young with hope.

Lord, Hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

2) That as Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, may grandparents and the elderly show the path of prayer to succeeding generations so that we all recognise God as our Father.

Lord, Hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

3) That the elderly who are traumatised, injured, sick and grieving in the midst of wars across the Holy Land, in Syria and Afghanistan, Ukraine and Russia, in Nigeria and Myanmar will be sustained in hope by the support of other nations.

Lord, Hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

4) That as our Federal Parliament has now begun, may all parties work together to enhance the wellbeing of our senior citizens so that elder abuse is eliminated, health, residential and home care is improved, and treated with respect and professionalism.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

5) That our departed grandparents and the elderly of our parish, along with those who have died in the tragedy of war and natural disasters, will have their hopes fulfilled in the Kingdom of Heaven. We also remember in particular the recently deceased **Lindsay Elliot** and the death anniversary of **Maureen Burns**.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: *Lord, we give you thanks for the gift of our grandparents, and the elderly women and men of our Church and society, that their courage, wisdom and devotion will grace us all with unity. Through Christ our Lord.*

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 102

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 25 September - 4 October

Cross the Holy Door in Rome.
Celebrate the Jubilee Year 25
September - 4 October 2025 visiting
holy places in Rome, Lanciaio
(Eucharistic Miracle), Assisi, Pompei,
Montecassino and the Amalfi Coast.
Open to all, it will be extra special for
those involved in teaching the faith as
it coincides with the Jubilee of
Catechists. Enquiries:
pp@mibp.org.au or text 0417 259 617.

Planned Giving Envelopes 2025/2026

The new PG envelopes are now ready
to be collected from the foyer/back
of the church. If your PG number was
greater than 130 last year, you will
discover that you have a new
number for this coming campaign.

If you would like to donate
electronically, please contact the
parish office to discuss the options.
**Thank you all for your donations
to the parish.**



**HELP we are low on
Catechist (SRE Teachers)
in our LOCAL Public Schools**
Do you ever wonder how children
that can't attend church get
to have a relationship with Jesus?
To register please email
nowracatechist@dow.org.au
or call Veronica on 0473 360 183.

The Answer is through YOU!

Help God and be a Catechist.

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.

All training will be provided.

**For more information, please
come to our information session
on Sunday, 27th July 10:45 - 11:15
am at Nowra Parish Centre**

Holy Hour + Fellowship on 05/08/25

Sanctus Summit is a new monthly
Adoration night for youth and others
at Nowra. Every fortnight on **Tuesday**
from 6:30-7:30pm at **St Michael's** for
Adoration & Benediction in the
church, followed by dinner and
fellowship in the parish centre
afterwards (optional). Enquiries
please contact Arnie 0431 611 128

**Requiem Mass for Lindsay Elliott will
be at St Michael's Church Nowra on
Monday July 28th at 11.00.a.m**

Parish Office:
(02) 4423 1712; Office Hours
9.30am-12.30pm (Tue-Fri)
Website: www.nowraparish.au
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Address: 30 North St, Nowra

Mass Times

Weekend Masses

Saturday

05:00 pm Culburra & Bomaderry

Sunday

08:00 am Berry

09:30 am Nowra & Vincentia

11:00 am Kangaroo Valley

05:00 pm Nowra

Marian Devotion at Nowra

Every First Saturday
9 - 10am Confessions
10am - Holy Mass

Weekday Masses

Tuesday

08:00 am Vincentia

05:30 pm Berry *

Wednesday

08:00 am Nowra

09:00 am Kangaroo
Valley

05:30 pm Vincentia

Thursday

08:00 am Vincentia

05:30 pm + Culburra

Friday

08:00 am Vincentia *

09:00 am - Confessions
10:00 am at Nowra

10:00 am Nowra

Sacrament of Reconciliation + Before Mass; After Mass*

CCD Level 1 Catechist Course (Term 3)

Dates: Mondays, 4, 11, 18, 25 August (via Zoom) Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm.

Beginning and experienced SRE Catechists are invited to register by
following this link: [CCD Level 1 Course Aug 2025](https://ccd.wollongong.com)
or contact Sue Clark at support@ccd.wollongong.com.

Please note that the first day of the Level 1 course includes the Child
Protection and Classroom Management training update that must be
revisited by SRE Catechists every three years.

2025 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass

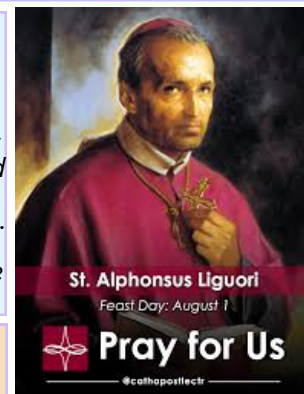
If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this
year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries,
to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on **Sunday 24 August 2025**
at 2pm at the **St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong**. Mass will be
followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.

Please register online at <https://dow.sh/MA2025> by no later than
Monday, 11 August 2025. Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett
helen.bennett@dow.org.au

Sacramental Program of First Holy Communion

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
begins with registration on 6/7 September. If your child is
in Year 3 or above and has been Baptised and completed
their First Reconciliation Sacrament, then they may
register in the First Holy Program for this year after Mass.
Come to one of the following churches - St Michael's,
Nowra; St Patrick's, Berry or Holy Spirit, Vincentia; where
you will find a Sacramental Leader waiting to help you

He who desires nothing but God is rich and happy



Charis Monthly Mass

Friday 8 August 2025 Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St, Wollongong

Join us for thirty minutes of charismatic praise to implement our
Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese, followed by Holy Mass. There
will also be an opportunity for individual healing prayer after Mass and cuppa.

7:00pm Praise and Worship

7:30pm Holy Mass

Info: Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404



**Teach me to be generous. Teach me
to serve you as you deserve; to
give, and not to count the cost, to
fight, and not to heed the wounds,
to toil, and not to seek for rest, to
labor, and not to ask for reward,
except that of knowing that we are
doing your will.**



**Comfort me in all my difficulties
and through the great favors you
did enjoy when the Saviour was
lodged in your house, intercede
for my family, that we be
provided for in our necessities.**